

3rd Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

Energy Community Secretariat, Ljubljana, Cankarjev Dom

Tuesday, 7 October 2014, 9.30-13.30h

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The meeting was attended by representatives of all Contracting Parties (CPs), excluding Moldova and former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, representatives of the Observers (Georgia, Turkey), the Participants (Austria, the Netherlands, Greece), the European Commission/DG Energy (Chair), ACER, ENTSOE, Eurogas, as well as representatives of the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS).
- 1.2. The Chair of the Group welcomed all participants and presented the meeting's draft Agenda. The Secretariat briefed the Group on the follow up from the Group's last meeting, the developments in the Energy Community, and the forthcoming Gas Forum agenda. The Group adopted the meeting's Agenda without changes, as presented by the Chair. All Contracting Parties were invited to update a gas part of the Security of Supply Statement by the end of this year. The experience gained in the ad hoc stress test exercise could be used in drafting these statements.

2. Preparation for the common security of supply policy/framework

- 2.1. Joint Research Centre, EC, presented the assessment of the stress test reports of both Member States and the Contracting Parties, as well as the fundamentals of risk assessment according to Regulation 994/2010. Greece's RAE presented an example in conveying risk estimations and measures to mitigate risk.
- 2.2. The Group welcomed presentations, which assured the Contracting Parties that their work on stress report was diligently performed and emphasised the importance of introduction of a common legislative and regulatory framework as a necessary precondition to provide for stable security of gas supply in the whole Europe.

3. Follow up of the 12th Ministerial Council

- 3.1. The Secretariat briefed the Group on the most important conclusions of the Ministerial Council held in Kiev on 23 September 2014, of relevance for security of gas supply, such as, that the EC will issue a stress test report, with the recommendations which would encompass the Energy Community Contracting Parties as well. The Ministerial adopted an interpretation of the interconnectors (between a Member State and a Contracting Party), as well as a recommendation on incorporation of the infrastructure regulation in the Energy Community. The Commission announced to establish a consultative process and involve the Contracting Parties when developing EU laws in the future which will have a direct impact on the Energy Community Contracting Parties.

4. Security of Supply preparedness for winter 2014/15

- 4.1. ENTSOG present the concept of early warning systems amongst the TSOs in the Central Europe, which would enhance operationally a response in an emergency. The Group welcomed the proposal and invited ENTSOG to consider the involvement of the Energy Community's TSOs in the system.
- 4.2. The Secretariat presented preparedness for the winter in 2014/15 in the Energy Community based on the profound analysis of the Contracting Parties' stress test reports. The reports provided answers to the most important questions; however, some responses in case of a crisis were additionally discussed and debated in the meeting. It was recommended that cooperation between Member States and Contracting Parties will be enhanced in this context.
- 4.3. The EC presented the main process of the stress test reports. The Group invited the Contracting Parties to provide, on a voluntary and confidential basis, any restrictions in gas flows encountered by the Contracting Parties to the Secretariat. The Group agreed to be convened on an ad hoc basis if needed. The next meeting is envisaged for end of January 2015.